

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1272 by Representative Henry Burns

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides with respect to concealed handgun permits

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Authorized entities which own or have authority over a church, synagogue, or mosque to authorize any person issued a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in these places of worship.
2.	Added provisions requiring that any church, synagogue, or mosque authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns shall require an additional 8-hour tactical training for those persons wishing to carry concealed handguns.
3.	Added provisions requiring notice to congregation regarding the decision to authorize the carrying of concealed handguns in the place of worship.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

Present law requires that applicants for concealed handgun permits demonstrate competency in the use of a handgun by taking approved courses.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and further provides that any live range fire training required to demonstrate competency may use live ammunition or fixed-case marking projectiles capable of being fired from a handgun.

Present law provides that a concealed handgun permit has a term of four years. Requires DPS&C to adopt rules and fees for permits for a term of less than four years.

Proposed law increases the term of a concealed handgun permit from four years to five years and authorizes the adoption of such rules.

Present law prohibits carrying a concealed handgun in any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.

Proposed law changes present law to create an exception if the entity which owns or has authority over a church, synagogue, or mosque has authorized any person issued a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in such place of worship.

Proposed law further provides that proposed law shall not be construed to limit or prohibit any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship from employing armed security guards who are either certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns.

Proposed law requires the pastor, priest, minister, or other church authority to inform the congregation when he has authorized the carrying of concealed handguns.

Proposed law provides that any church, synagogue, or mosque authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns shall require an additional eight-hour tactical training for those persons wishing to carry concealed handguns in the church, synagogue, or mosque. Requires the training to be conducted annually.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not be construed to authorize the carrying of

a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, or mosque located on the property of any school or school property.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(3) and (U))